



**COLORED POLYMER MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MOUTHPIECE**

**Appln. No. 10/735,206  
Atty. Docket No. 535.19011**

**DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION TO OVERCOME CITED PATENT  
OR PUBLICATION UNDER CFR 1.131**

James Kelly, declares that he is the inventor who on 12 December 2003 filed the above-referenced patent application;

that he conceived his invention in this country long prior to 23 September 2001 (hereinafter the effective date), the date the Mad-Max mouthpiece was first offered for sale, this date verified via web.archive.org (see Exhibit A);

that long prior to the effective date he prepared drawings of his invention, a copy of which is attached hereto and labeled as Exhibits B - D;

that long prior to the effective date he prepared and refined a series of prototypes, photographs of which are attached hereto and labeled as Exhibits E through N;

that he planned to unveil his invention at "The Midwest Clinic", a music trade show, on 19 September 2001, and rented booth space there, however although product samples were ready, advertising was not, and therefore the invention was not disclosed;

that the product was first publicly disclosed at "The Midwest Clinic" in Chicago, IL on 18 December 2002;

that he first met with a patent attorney, Donald Cayen on 21 January 2003 to discuss the possibility of filing a patent application;

that Attorney Donald Cayen conducted a preliminary patentability search on his invention on or about 26 March 2003;

that he caused his attorney to conduct a further patentability search on his invention on or about 26 June 2003;

that he received the results of the patentability search on or about 27 June 2003;

that he authorized his attorney to prepare the above-identified patent application on or about 15 October 2003;



that he worked substantially and continuously with his attorney from 21 January 2003 until the application was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on 12 December 2003;

that all statements herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true;

and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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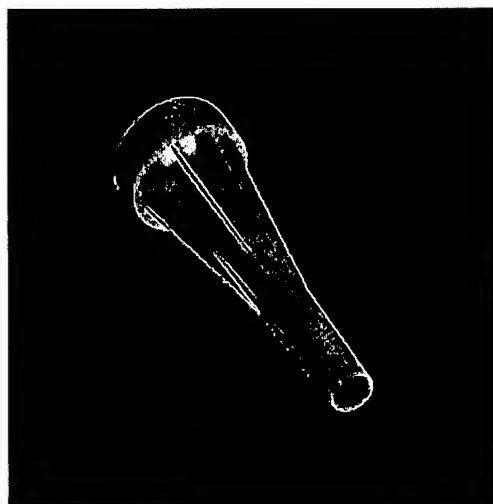


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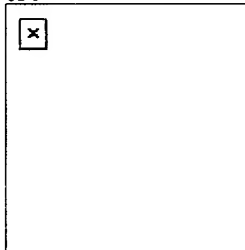


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